

## Love. Sex. Marriage. Part 1: Love

(Romans 12:1-2 MSG) *“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your **culture** that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the **culture** around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, **God brings the best out of you**, develops well-formed maturity in you.”*

### What is Love?

(John 3:16 NIV) *“**For God so loved** the world that **he gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

✓ **God’s love is unconditional.**

✓ **God’s love is sacrificial.**

✓ **God’s love is personal.**

✓ **God’s love is accepting.**

✓ **God’s love is available.**

(1 John 4:9-12, 16, 19 NIV) *“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **This is love**: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. We love because he first loved us.”*

### **The secret of love is being loved by God.**

(1 John 4:7-8 NIV) *“Dear friends, **let us love one another**, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**”*

### **The secret of love is showing God’s love to others.**

## **Showing God's Love**

**1. Say it.**

**2. Write it.**

**3. Give it.**

**4. Forgive it.**

**5. Live it.**

*(Romans 12:15 AMP) "Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief]."*

*(1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV) "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*